



Legislative Watch List

2017 Georgia Legislation

#	Bill #	State	Last Action	Last Action Date	Status		
1	SB 29	GA	"Senate Read Second Time"	Mar 01, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists: 2017 Georgia Legislation							
Title: Education; drinking water in child care learning centers and for lead contamination; require testing							
Description: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to education, so as to require testing of drinking water in child care learning centers and schools for lead contamination; to provide for definitions; to provide for notice and reporting of test results and remediation plans; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for an exemption; to provide for related matters; to... [Abridged]							
Categories: Families & Children, Education, Health							
Primary Sponsors: Vincent D. Fort							
2	HB 32	GA	"House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute"	Mar 01, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists: 2017 Georgia Legislation							
Title: Crimes and offenses; sexual contact between school employees or agents and enrolled students; prohibit							
Description: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-6-5.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sexual assault by persons with supervisory or disciplinary authority, so as to prohibit sexual contact between school employees or agents and students enrolled at such school; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.							
Categories: Crime, Families & Children, Law Enforcement & Public Safety, Labor & Employment, Education, Social Issues, Legal Affairs, Health							
Primary Sponsors: Joyce H. Chandler, Scot Turner, Michael Ryan Caldwell, Wesley E. Cantrell, John K. Carson, Allen Milne Peake							
3	HB 114	GA	"House Passed/Adopted By Substitute"	Mar 01, 2017	Passed first chamber		
Watchlists: 2017 Georgia Legislation							
Title: Move on When Ready Act; prohibit school systems from excluding students in dual credit courses from valedictorian or salutatorian determinations							
Description: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-161.3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the "Move on When Ready Act" and dual credit courses, so as to prohibit local school systems from excluding students in dual credit courses from valedictorian or salutatorian determinations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.							
Categories: Education, Government Administration, Health							
Primary Sponsors: Robert Lee Dickey III, Terry Lamar England, Brooks P. Coleman Jr., Michael Eugene Glanton Sr.							

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4	HB 338	GA	"House Passed/Adopted By Substitute"	Mar 01, 2017	Passed first chamber		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Education; system of supports and assistance for low-performing schools in the greatest need; provisions					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to provide for system of supports and assistance for low-performing schools identified as in the greatest need of assistance; to provide for an Education Turnaround Advisory Council; to provide for the creation of the Joint Study Committee on the Establishment of a State Accreditation Process; to revise provisions relating to contracts for strategic waivers school systems; to revise... [Abridged]					
Categories:		Education, Government Administration, Budget, Social Issues, Labor & Employment, Families & Children, Transportation					
Primary Sponsors:		Kevin Kermit Tanner, Brooks P. Coleman Jr., Jan Slaughter Jones, Jon G. Burns, Christian Aaron Coomer, James Matthew Hatchett					

5	SB 152	GA	"Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute"	Mar 01, 2017	Passed first chamber		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Education; policy of the state; students who are subject to compulsory attendance; not assigned to alternative education program more than two semesters; provide					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide that it is the policy of the state that students who are subject to compulsory attendance shall not be assigned to an alternative education program for more than two semesters except under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		Education, Legal Affairs, Crime, Families & Children, Labor & Employment					
Primary Sponsors:		Emanuel Davie Jones, Stephen Bradley Henson, Valencia Martin Seay, Horacena E. Tate, Vincent D. Fort, Michael A. Rhett					

6	SB 139	GA	"Senate Passed/Adopted By Substitute"	Mar 01, 2017	Passed first chamber		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Focused Programs of Study; pathway in leadership; provide					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-159.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to focused programs of study, so as to provide for a pathway in leadership; to provide for state models and content standards for a pathway in leadership; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		Education, Technology, Government Administration, Health, Transportation, Law Enforcement & Public Safety, Agriculture, Labor & Employment, Travel & Leisure					
Primary Sponsors:		Hunter Bradley Hill, William T. Ligon Jr., Michael E. Williams, Jesse Collins Stone, Francis R. Millar, M.H. Harbin					

7	HB 217	GA	"Senate Read and Referred"	Mar 01, 2017	Passed first chamber		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Income tax credit; certain scholarship organizations; increase amount of the aggregate cap on contributions					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to increase the amount of the aggregate cap on contributions to certain scholarship organizations in order to receive income tax credits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		Taxes, Social Issues, Education, Financials					
Primary Sponsors:		John K. Carson, Othel Doyle Kelley, David Wayne Knight, Earl Day Ehrhart, James Ronald Stephens, Samuel Kyser Teasley					

#	Bill #	State	Last Action	Last Action Date	Status		
8	HB 273	GA	"House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute"	Feb 28, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Quality Basic Education Act; daily recess for students in kindergarten and grades one through five; provide					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for a daily recess for students in kindergarten and grades one through five; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		Education					
Primary Sponsors:		Demetrius M. Douglas, Stacey Godfrey Evans, Leonard Edwin Setzler, Robert Brian Strickland, Spencer Robert Frye, David Wilkerson					

9	HB 292	GA	"House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute"	Feb 28, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Firearms; laws relating to the carrying of weapons and safety; revise and clarify					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16, Code Section 35-3-34, and Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, disclosure and dissemination of criminal records to private persons and businesses, resulting responsibility and liability of issuing center, and provision of certain information to the FBI in conjunction with the National Instant Criminal Background Check... [Abridged]					
Categories:		Law Enforcement & Public Safety, Legal Affairs, Labor & Employment, Transportation, Sports & Recreation, Crime, Health, National Security & Defense					
Primary Sponsors:		Richard C. Jasperse, John Dudley Meadows, Alan T. Powell, Mandi Lia Ballinger, Vernon Jones, Heath Nicholas Clark					

10	HR 405	GA	"House Committee Favorably Reported"	Feb 28, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		State Board of Education; election of members; provide - CA					
Description:		A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to provide for the election of members of the State Board of Education; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		Government Administration, Labor & Employment					
Primary Sponsors:		Samuel Kyser Teasley, David Samuel Casas, Wesley E. Cantrell, Georgia Samuel Brockway, Leonard Edwin Setzler, Valencia Stovall					

11	HB 148	GA	"Senate Read and Referred"	Feb 27, 2017	Passed first chamber		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Educating Children of Military Families Act; enact					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 15 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for unique identifiers for students who are children of military personnel; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		National Security & Defense, Families & Children					
Primary Sponsors:		Michael Eugene Glanton Sr., Darrel B. Ealum, Amy Alexander Carter, David C. Belton, Stacey Yvonne Abrams					

#	Bill #	State	Last Action	Last Action Date	Status		
12	HB 237	GA	"Senate Read and Referred"	Feb 27, 2017	Passed first chamber		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Public Education Innovation Fund Foundation; receive private donations for grants to public schools; provisions					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 and Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education and to revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to authorize the Public Education Innovation Fund Foundation to receive private donations to be used for grants to public schools; to provide for grant criteria; to provide for an income tax credit for qualified education donations; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for powers, duties, and... [Abridged]					
Categories:		Taxes, Social Issues, Education, Families & Children					
Primary Sponsors:		Brooks P. Coleman Jr., Terry Lamar England, David Samuel Casas, Joyce H. Chandler, Randall Otis Nix, James Alton Epps Jr.					

13	HB 483	GA	"House Second Readers"	Feb 27, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Georgia Educational Scholarship Act; enact					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to provide for the establishment of educational scholarship accounts; to provide for qualified education expenses; to provide for qualifications for students to participate in the program; to establish certain requirements for participating schools and service providers; to provide for accounts and account funds; to establish a Parent Review Committee to review expenditures upon request;... [Abridged]					
Categories:		Education, Families & Children, Technology, Social Issues, Legal Affairs, Transportation, Budget, Crime					
Primary Sponsors:		Wesley E. Cantrell, Heath Nicholas Clark, Valencia Stovall, Todd Jones, David T. Clark, Timothy Lee Barr					

14	HB 482	GA	"House Second Readers"	Feb 27, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Georgia Educational Scholarship Act; enact					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the O.C.G.A., relating to education, so as to provide for the establishment of educational scholarship accounts; to provide for qualified education expenses; to provide for qualifications for students to participate in the program; to establish certain requirements for participating schools and service providers; to provide for accounts and account funds; to establish a Parent Review Committee to review expenditures upon request;... [Abridged]					
Categories:		Education, Social Issues, Families & Children, Transportation, Technology, Legal Affairs, Crime, National Security & Defense, Budget					
Primary Sponsors:		Wesley E. Cantrell, Heath Nicholas Clark, Valencia Stovall, Todd Jones, Leonard Edwin Setzler, Michael Eugene Glanton Sr.					

15	HB 425	GA	"House Committee Favorably Reported By Substitute"	Feb 27, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Elementary and secondary education; administration of standardized assessments in paper-and-pencil format upon parental request; provide					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to provide for administration of standardized assessments in paper-and-pencil format upon parental request; to discourage punitive actions for students refusing to participate in federal, state, or locally mandated standardized assessments; to provide for alternative administrations of student assessments; to provide for... [Abridged]					
Categories:		Families & Children, Education					
Primary Sponsors:		Joyce H. Chandler, David C. Belton, Wesley E. Cantrell, John Clayton Cox, Michael Eugene Glanton Sr.					

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16	HB 361	GA	"Senate Read and Referred"	Feb 24, 2017	Passed first chamber		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Fulton County; Board of Education; contributions made into the pension and retirement plan by employees shall be considered employer contributions for tax purposes; provide					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing in Fulton County a system for pension and retirement to pay teachers and employees of the Board of Education of Fulton County, approved February 2, 1945 (Ga. L. 1945, p. 528), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 11, 2009 (Ga. L. 2009, p. 4004), an Act approved April 11, 2012 (Ga. L. 2012, p. 4982), and an Act approved May 6, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 4026), so as to provide that contributions made into the pension and... [Abridged]					
Categories:		Labor & Employment, Education, Government Administration, Taxes, Social Issues					
Primary Sponsors:		Wendell K. Willard, Jan Slaughter Jones, Matthew K. Dollar, Charles E. Martin Jr., Richard Marshall Golick, Roger B. Bruce					

17	HB 246	GA	"Senate Read and Referred"	Feb 24, 2017	Passed first chamber		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Elementary and secondary education; annual fitness assessment program; repeal sunset provision					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-777 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to an annual fitness assessment program, so as to repeal the sunset provision; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		Education, Health, Government Administration, Labor & Employment, Families & Children					
Primary Sponsors:		Wesley E. Cantrell, Brooks P. Coleman Jr., David Samuel Casas, Valencia Stovall, Beth Beskin					

18	HB 37	GA	"Senate Read and Referred"	Feb 23, 2017	Passed first chamber		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Education; private postsecondary institutions in Georgia shall not adopt sanctuary policies; provide					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions, so as to provide definitions; to provide that private postsecondary institutions in this state shall not adopt sanctuary policies; to provide for penalties for violations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		Education, Labor & Employment, National Security & Defense, Law Enforcement & Public Safety, Civil Rights					
Primary Sponsors:		Earl Day Ehrhart, Terry Lamar England, Gregory Adam Morris, Charles Edward Williams, Jesse L. Petrea					

19	HB 423	GA	"House Second Readers"	Feb 22, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Charter schools; unused facilities available to state charter schools; provide use					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-2068.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to a facilities fund for charter schools, so as to provide for the use of unused facilities available to state charter schools within the boundaries of the local school system that are not used for local charter schools in the local school system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		Education					
Primary Sponsors:		Valencia Stovall, David C. Belton, David Samuel Casas, Georgia Samuel Brockway, Robert Lee Dickey III					

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20	HB 411	GA	"House Second Readers"	Feb 21, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Blue Star Family Scholarship Act; enact					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to establish the Blue Star Family Scholarship Program for children of military service members; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for qualifications and requirements; to provide for management of accounts; to provide for participating schools; to provide for responsibilities of parents; to... [Abridged]					
Categories:		Education, Families & Children, Social Issues, National Security & Defense, Legal Affairs, Civil Rights, Health, Communications					
Primary Sponsors:		David T. Clark, Michael Eugene Glanton Sr., Brett Alexander Harrell, David C. Belton, Heath Nicholas Clark, William W. Hitchens					

21	SB 199	GA	"Senate Read and Referred"	Feb 17, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		"Better Employee Benefits Act"					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to provide for the recognition and regulation of professional employer organizations operating in the State of Georgia; to provide for applicability of Chapter 8 of Title 34, the "Employment Security Law"; to provide for certain powers, duties, and authority of the Commissioner of Labor and the Department of Labor; to express the authority of the Commissioner of... [Abridged]					
Categories:		Labor & Employment, Financials, Industrials, Government Administration, Health, Taxes					
Primary Sponsors:		Brandon Lamont Beach, Jeffery E. Mullis, Hunter Bradley Hill					

22	HB 139	GA	"Senate Read and Referred"	Feb 16, 2017	Passed first chamber		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Education; provide transparency of financial information of local school systems and schools; provisions					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education accountability assessment programs, so as to provide transparency of financial information of local school systems and schools to the greatest extent practicable; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for accessibility to certain financial data of a local board of education; to provide for school level budget and expenditure data; to... [Abridged]					
Categories:		Education, Government Administration, Taxes, Budget, Communications					
Primary Sponsors:		David C. Belton, Alfred Jackson Powell Jr., Beth Beskin, Jan Slaughter Jones, Michael Eugene Glanton Sr., David Samuel Casas					

23	SB 177	GA	"Senate Read and Referred"	Feb 15, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		"Georgia Constitutional Carry Act of 2017"					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding parks, historic areas, memorials, and recreation, so as to revise provisions of law regarding the use or possession of any handgun in a park, historic site, or recreational area; to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to carrying and possession of firearms; to amend Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 16... [Abridged]					
Categories:		Law Enforcement & Public Safety, Legal Affairs, Labor & Employment, Transportation, Government Administration, Sports & Recreation, Public Resources, Social Issues, Crime, Education, Housing & Property					
Primary Sponsors:		Joshua Robert McKoon, Michael E. Williams					

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24	HB 16	GA	"House Second Readers"	Feb 07, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Elementary and secondary education; bullying; revise provisions					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to discipline of students in elementary and secondary education, so as to revise provisions relating to bullying; to prohibit bullying and harassment of students and school employees; to require annual reporting of bullying and harassment incidents; to provide for definitions; to provide for requirements for local boards of education and state... [Abridged]					
Categories:		Education, Government Administration, Labor & Employment, Technology, Families & Children, Civil Rights, Communications, Social Issues, Crime, Transportation					
Primary Sponsors:		Keisha Sean Waites, Dexter Lenorris Sharper, Erica Renee Thomas, Sandra Givens Scott, Sheila Jones					

25	HR 1	GA	"House Second Readers"	Feb 07, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Public schools; funding driver education and training courses; authorize General Assembly - CA					
Description:		A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for dedication of certain existing fees and assessments for the purpose of funding driver education and training courses in public schools with grades nine through 12; to provide that such funds shall not be subject to lapse; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		Education, Government Administration					
Primary Sponsors:		Keisha Sean Waites, Sheila Jones, Sharon Beasley-Teague, Kimberly A. Alexander, Mable Thomas, Dewey L. McClain					

26	HB 236	GA	"House Second Readers"	Feb 07, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Income tax; qualified education credit; increase aggregate amount of tax credits allowed					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-29.16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the qualified education tax credit, so as to increase the aggregate amount of tax credits allowed; to provide for two separate application dates; to provide for an automatic annual increase; to provide for rollover of tax credits; to provide for resubmittal of applications; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		Taxes					
Primary Sponsors:		Samuel Kyser Teasley, Wesley E. Cantrell, Georgia Samuel Brockway, Geoffrey Lynn Duncan, Barry Abbott Fleming, Othel Doyle Kelley					

27	HB 178	GA	"House Second Readers"	Feb 01, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Quality Basic Education Act; funding for school counselors for military students; provide					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to program weights and funding requirements under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for local school systems to earn funding for school counselors for military students; to provide for definitions; to provide for an expenditure control; to provide that such funding is supplemental to existing school counselor funding; to provide... [Abridged]					
Categories:		National Security & Defense, Education, Health, Labor & Employment, Families & Children, Budget					
Primary Sponsors:		David C. Belton, Calvin Smyre, Richard Herbert Smith, Al Williams, Shaw Blackmon, Amy Alexander Carter					

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28	HB 179	GA	"House Second Readers"	Feb 01, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		HOPE; home study students and students graduating from ineligible high schools; revise eligibility requirements for Zell Miller Scholarships					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to provide for eligibility for Zell Miller Scholarships for home study students and students graduating from ineligible high schools who receive certain scores on standardized college admission tests; to revise eligibility requirements for HOPE scholarships for entering freshmen students who are home study... [Abridged]					
Categories:		Education					
Primary Sponsors:		Brad Raffensperger, Joyce H. Chandler, Richard C. Jasperse, Wesley E. Cantrell, David Samuel Casas, Sheri D. Smallwood Gilligan					

29	HB 184	GA	"House Second Readers"	Feb 01, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Georgia Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, enact					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to labor and industrial relations, so as to enact the Georgia Pregnant Workers Fairness Act; to provide for a short title; to provide for intent; to provide for definitions; to provide for notice of rights; to provide for reasonable accommodations to job applicants and employees for circumstances related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related conditions; to provide for a civil cause of... [Abridged]					
Categories:		Labor & Employment, Families & Children, Civil Rights, Industrials, Health, Legal Affairs					
Primary Sponsors:		William K. Boddie Jr., Kimberly A. Alexander, Park Cannon, Mable Thomas, Patty James Bentley, Renitta Shannon					

30	HB 170	GA	"House Second Readers"	Feb 01, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Student Online Personal Information Protection Act; enact					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 3 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student records, so as to enact the "Student Online Personal Information Protection Act"; to provide for definitions; to prohibit operators of educational sites, services, and applications from engaging in certain activities regarding certain student information; to provide for exceptions; to require reasonable security procedures... [Abridged]					
Categories:		Communications, Families & Children, Legal Affairs, Government Administration, Education, Labor & Employment, Technology, Civil Rights, Health, Social Issues					
Primary Sponsors:		Sheila Jones, Sheila Clark Nelson, Stacey Yvonne Abrams, Carolyn Fleming Hugley, Sandra Givens Scott					

31	SB 97	GA	"Senate Read and Referred"	Jan 31, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Early Care and Learning; parents in job training or educational program; expand child care subsidies from one year to two years					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-1A-64 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to functions and authority of lead agency and the Department of Early Care and Learning regarding early care and learning, so as to expand child care subsidies from one year to two years for parents in a job training or educational program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		Families & Children, Education					
Primary Sponsors:		Elena C. Parent Brisendine, Nancy Grogan Orrock, Emanuel Davie Jones, Tonya Peterson Anderson, Horacena E. Tate, Gloria Singleton Butler					

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32	HB 163	GA	"House Second Readers"	Jan 31, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Motor vehicles; driver over 18 or operating a school bus; limit use of wireless telecommunication devices					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to uniform rules of the road, so as to limit the use of wireless telecommunication devices while operating a motor vehicle when the driver is over 18 years of age or operating a school bus; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		Communications, Transportation, Law Enforcement & Public Safety, Infrastructure, Crime					
Primary Sponsors:		Elizabeth Price, Jodi Lott, Keisha Sean Waites, David C. Belton, Paul R. Battles, Kimberly A. Alexander					

33	SB 83	GA	"Senate Read and Referred"	Jan 30, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Education; mandatory attendance in public school, private school, or home school program from 16 to 17 1/2; raise the age					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to raise the age of mandatory attendance in a public school, private school, or home school program from 16 to 17 1/2; to revise provisions relating to adult literacy for purposes of conformity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		Education, Families & Children					
Primary Sponsors:		Lester George Jackson III, Tonya Peterson Anderson, Gail Paulette Davenport					

34	SB 77	GA	"Senate Read and Referred"	Jan 30, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Education; elementary and secondary; mandatory attendance; raise the age					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-690.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mandatory education for children between ages six and 16, so as to raise the age of mandatory attendance; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		Families & Children, Education					
Primary Sponsors:		Vincent D. Fort, Horacena E. Tate, Emanuel Davie Jones, Michael A. Rhett, Stephen Bradley Henson, Gail Paulette Davenport, Eddie Harbison					

35	SB 76	GA	"Senate Read and Referred"	Jan 30, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Sales Tax; distribution of sales tax for educational purposes; change certain provisions					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales tax for educational purposes, so as to change certain provisions regarding distribution of the sales tax for educational purposes; to provide for related matters; to provide for contingent effectiveness; to provide for automatic repeal under certain conditions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		Taxes, Education					
Primary Sponsors:		C. Ellis Black, Lindsey Allen Tippins, Kenneth Dean Burke, Freddie K. Powell Sims, Franklin Joseph Ginn					

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36	HB 128	GA	"House Second Readers"	Jan 30, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Teachers Retirement System of Georgia; chairperson of the board of trustees; change a certain provision					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, so as to change a certain provision relating to the chairperson of the board of trustees of such retirement system; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		Labor & Employment, Education, Financials					
Primary Sponsors:		Paul R. Battles					

37	SB 68	GA	"Senate Read and Referred"	Jan 26, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		'Individual Student Education Account Act'					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to establish an individual student education account program; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for qualifications and requirements; to provide for management of accounts; to provide for participating schools; to provide for responsibilities of parents; to provide for duties of the Department... [Abridged]					
Categories:		Education, Families & Children, Social Issues, Legal Affairs, Government Administration, Civil Rights, Health, Communications, Transportation, Budget					
Primary Sponsors:		Hunter Bradley Hill, Jesse Collins Stone, John E. Albers, Michael E. Williams, Chuck Payne, Benjamin Luther Watson, William T. Ligon Jr., Francis R. Millar, Joshua Robert McKoon, Judson Harwood Hill					

38	HB 13	GA	"House Second Readers"	Jan 25, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Income tax credit; certain expenses by certain educators; create					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions from income taxes, so as to create a tax credit for certain expenses by certain educators; to provide for definitions; to disallow related deductions; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a sunset; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		Taxes, Education, Technology					
Primary Sponsors:		Jeffrey B. Jones, Amy Alexander Carter, David T. Clark, B. Lee Hawkins, Darlene Kaye Taylor, David C. Belton					

39	SB 26	GA	"Senate Read and Referred"	Jan 23, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Local Government; certain contracts and purchases by local boards of education; impose requirements					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 and Article 4 of Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to contracts and purchases by public schools and bidding for government works projects, respectively, so as to impose requirements on certain contracts and purchases by local boards of education; to require that professional services contracts exceeding \$50,000.00 be competitively bid; to require that the guaranteed... [Abridged]					
Categories:		Education, Industrials, Legal Affairs, Budget					
Primary Sponsors:		Joshua Robert McKoon					

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40	SB 24	GA	"Senate Read and Referred"	Jan 23, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Education; provide certain nursery schools, playschools, kindergarten programs; exempt from licensure					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to early care and learning, so as to provide that certain nursery schools, playschools, kindergarten programs, and other educational programs are exempt from licensure; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		Education, Families & Children					
Primary Sponsors:		Joshua Robert McKoon					

41	HB 24	GA	"House Second Readers"	Jan 11, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Quality Basic Education Act; program of incentive pay for certain teachers; provide					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 6 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for a program of incentive pay for quality teachers in schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families; to provide for a legislative finding; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		Education, Families & Children, Social Issues, Labor & Employment					
Primary Sponsors:		William Weston Mitchell, Karen Leeper Bennett, Sandra Givens Scott					

42	HB 29	GA	"House Second Readers"	Jan 11, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Local boards of education; seek accreditation by an accrediting entity where records are not open for inspection; prohibit					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local boards of education, so as to prohibit local boards of education from seeking or maintaining accreditation by an accrediting entity which does not make its records relating to sanctions it imposes open for inspection and copying; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		Government Administration, Education					
Primary Sponsors:		William Weston Mitchell					

43	HB 23	GA	"House Second Readers"	Jan 11, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Charter schools; certain accountability requirements; provide					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 31 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to charter schools, so as to provide for certain accountability requirements for charter schools; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for disfavored practices with respect to assessments; to provide for transparency regarding assessments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		Education, Families & Children, Civil Rights					
Primary Sponsors:		William Weston Mitchell					

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44	HB 28	GA	"House Second Readers"	Jan 11, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Elementary and secondary education; test for lead contamination in drinking water in public and private schools; require					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health of students in elementary and secondary education, so as to require testing of drinking water in public and private schools for lead contamination; to provide for remediation plans or alternate sources of drinking water; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for an exemption; to provide for related matters; to repeal... [Abridged]					
Categories:		Education, Health					
Primary Sponsors:		William Weston Mitchell, Sandra Givens Scott					

45	HB 26	GA	"House Prefiled"	Jan 05, 2017	Introduced		
Watchlists:		2017 Georgia Legislation					
Title:		Education; raise age of mandatory education for children from 16 to 17; revise provisions					
Description:		A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to raise the age of mandatory education for children from 16 to 17; to revise provisions relating to adult literacy for purposes of conformity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.					
Categories:		Education, Families & Children					
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